

Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program
Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy and Advanced Transmission and
Distribution - 2008 Solicitation
Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Can an applicant meet with DOE's Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (EERE) or Loan Guarantee Program Office (LGPO) regarding a planned or pending application in response to the June 30, 2008 solicitation for projects that employ energy efficiency, renewable energy, or advanced transmission and distribution technologies?

R1. The currently pending solicitation relevant to your request is entitled "Federal Loan Guarantees For Projects That Employ Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, And Advanced Transmission And Distribution Technologies," (Reference Number: DE-FOA-00000005). Until completion of the Formal Review process described in the referenced solicitation, DOE employees and contractors assigned to EERE and the LGPO are not permitted to discuss or meet with project sponsors or their affiliates regarding either a prospective or pending loan guarantee application, the application process, or any other matters relating to the cited solicitation. Any parties interested in the program who have questions about the application process may set forth their questions in an email to the LGPO at lgprogram@hq.doe.gov. The subject line should include "RETDEE Solicitation Question."

DOE will respond to such questions as appropriate and may make public such questions and LGPO's responses thereto, for example, by posting on LGPO's website or on FedConnect.

After the Formal Review process has been completed, DOE staff will meet with those applicants selected to begin negotiations.

Q2. Can the costs to fill a renewable fuel pipeline be included in the total cost of the project?

R2. Under Section 609.12 of the Final Regulations, DOE may only finance Project Costs. To the extent that the renewable fuel pipeline line fill constitutes a Project Cost as defined in Section 609.12, the cost may be included in the Guaranteed Obligations. Project Costs include those which are necessary, reasonable, customary and directly related to the startup of an Eligible Project but specifically exclude operating costs (i.e., those costs related to the operation of the facility after it has been placed in service).